

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to for failure to include the numeral 43 as mentioned in the specification text. In response, Applicants have included a proposed drawing correction showing the numeral 43 where it was mistakenly omitted. In addition, the location of nozzle outlets 17 have been corrected to conform to the written specification, and have been added to Figure 1b after being mistakenly omitted in the application as originally filed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding objection to the drawings be withdrawn and that the proposed drawing correction be shown as acceptable.

The disclosure stands objected to for several informalities. In response, Applicants have amended the application as per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 9, 22, and 32 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 for inclusion of terms not found verbatim in the written specification. In response, Applicants have amended the specification so that the claim language finds antecedent basis. No new matter is believed to be added to the application. In addition, the dependency of claim 31 has been corrected as per the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §112 rejections against claims 9, 22, and 31 be withdrawn.

Claims 8, 10, 21, 23, 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) over Sprado. Applicants respectfully disagree since Sprado does not show or suggest a nozzle insert irreversibly attached to a tube as per Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants' undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner for a clarification regarding this issue; however, no return phone call has been received as of the date of this response. The identified insert 3 of Sprado is taught as sliding within the identified tube 4. Therefore, there is no fair characterization of Sprado insert 3 and its tube 4 that could be said to be irreversibly attached to one another as per Applicants' claimed invention. In other words,

there is no fair interpretation of Applicants' claim language that would permit the insert to move with respect to the tube as in Sprado. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §102(b) rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 11-16 and 24-29 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have amended claims 11 and 12 into independent form, and respectfully request that those claims now be shown as allowed. No additional fee is believed required as the application now contains three independent claims as per the original filing fee. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 500226.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 8-16 and 21-31. However, if the examiner believes that some additional clarification would put this application in even better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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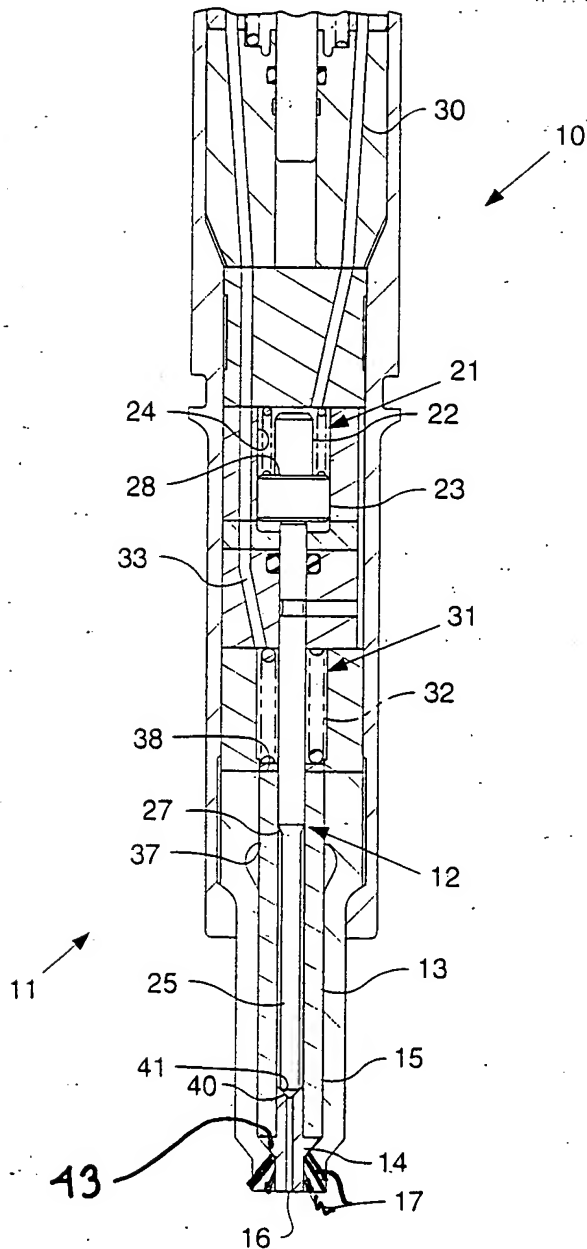
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FIG. 1a.

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Fig. 1b.

